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SUBJECT : REACTION TO AZOREAN COMPLAINTS

1. MILITARY GOVERNOR, GENERAL MAGALHAES, ANNOUNCED HERE ON JUNE 20 THAT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ISSUED STATEMENT THAT AFTER AN INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE AZORES.

A) AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE, PURCHASE CATTLE HERE AND PAY ON BASIS OF WEIGHT BEFORE SHIPMENT. (CATTLE LOSE WEIGHT DURING TRANSPORT AND NORMAL SYSTEM OF PAYING ON BASIS OF WEIGHT AFTER SHIPMENT IS DETRIMENTAL TO LOCAL FARMERS.)

B) RENEW THE SUBSIDY FOR THE PURCHASE OF CALVES.

C. ELIMINATE THE TAX ON AZOREAN TABACCO SHIPPED TO THE CONTINENT AND EQUALIZE THE TAX ON AZOREAN TABACCO PRODUCTS, (NOW THERE IS A HIGHER TAX ON AZOREAN PRODUCED TABACCO PRODUCTS THAN ON THOSE MANUFACTURED ON THE CONTINENT). ALSO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF USING AZOREAN TABACCO IN CONTINENTAL FACTORIES.

D. WITHIN TWO WEEKS, EQUALIZE THE PRICE OF FERTILIZER, CEMENT, IRON, GAS, AND OTHER ITEMS. (PRICES FOR THESE ESSENTIAL ITEMS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE NOW HIGHER IN THE AZORES THAN ELSWHERE IN PORTUGAL.)

E. STUDY THE USE OF AZOREAN TUNA RESERVES TO AID GUINE AND CAPE VERDE.

F. ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN THE AZORES OF THE INSTITUTE FOR ASSISTANCE TO SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES AND SEND A HIGH LEVEL TEAM TO PONTA DELGADA TO STUDY WAYS OF UTILIZING IN THE ARCHIPELAGO THE SAVINGS SENT HERE BY IMMIGRANTS IN NORTH AMERICA.

G. INCLUDE THE AZOREAN IN CAMPAIGNS TO PROMOTE TOURISM.

H. UPGRADE THE MEDICAL SERVICES.

I. FINALLY, SEND TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR UPPROVAL A PLAN ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE ORGAN FOR AZORES CHARGED WITH COORDINATING ALL ACTIVITIES.

2. COMMENT FOLLOWS.

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